

meet (they receiving 'no pay, but affording their time and services gratuitously, their convenience must be consulted,) to elect their chairman. The Legislature no doubt will make some alterations in the School Law; and if they disturb it at all, it of course should be made as perfect as can be. And if the committees and all concerned have to learn a new law, it should be one from which they may gain much benefit,—for frequent changes in the law produce many difficulties and much trouble with the kind of persons who have to execute the law regulating the Common Schools. For, unfortunately, most of the better informed class of the community manifest no interest in the matter, and its execution too often devolves on those but poorly prepared to examine and carry out the requirements of acts of the General Assembly.

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REPORTS FROM CHAIRMEN WHO HAVE VISITED AMONG THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THEIR COUNTIES.

It is proper to prepare these reports with a brief explanation.

A very considerable number of chairmen write to me that they have been ordered by their respective boards to visit the school districts of their counties, in accordance with the provisions of an act of the last Assembly; and they also promise to send me reports of their observations, when they have performed this duty. In other counties steps have been taken to lay off the districts anew—and when this is done maps will be made and copies sent to this office. Part of the matter below was intended only for the eye of the general superintendent; but as the facts and suggestions may be of